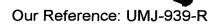
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CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is related to and claims priority from U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/366,685, a reissue of U.S. Patent No. 5,656,186, filed April 8, 1994, commonly owned by the Assignee of the present application.

30 In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-54.

Please add claims 55-70 as follows:

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55. A method for/laser induced breakdown (LIB) of a biologic material with a pulsed laser beam, the material being characterized by a relationship of fluence threshold at which breakdown occurs versus laser pulse width that exhibits a rapid change in_slope at a characteristic/laser pulse width, said method comprising the steps of: